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Under FCC regulations, broadcast stations must air, unedited, any ads supplied by federal candidates--in any time slot they request--as long as the ads are not legally obscene. This outdated 1926 regulation has recently led in Cincinnati to the airing of graphic anti-abortion ads featuring gruesome photos of late-term fetuses with a voice-over screaming, "Mommy, Mommy, you've killed me." It is a gross mis-use of federal election law that allows a candidate to insist on running these ads at all, let alone during broadcast hours that include child viewership. They are also a gross distortion of the use of abortion, since the vast majority of abortions are performed during the first trimester. No late-term fetus is legally aborted, unless there is grave danger to the mother. Also, the characterization of abortion as murder is a moral judgment disputed by members of many of the nation's established religious denominations and organizations. I urge you to look promptly into the revision of this FCC regulation; I